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Claim 8. (Once Amended) The absorbent composition of Claim 1 wherein the basic material is selected from the group consisting of polyamines, polyimines, polyamides, [polyquaternary] polyquaternary ammoniums, chitins, chitosans, polyasparagins, polyglutamines, polylysines, polyarginines, [organic salts], aliphatic amines, aromatic amines, imines, amides, metallic oxides, hydroxides, salts, and mixtures thereof.

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Claim 10. (Once Amended) The absorbent composition of Claim 9 wherein the water-swellable, water-insoluble polymer basic material has a pK_a between about 2 [to about] and 12.

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Claim 11. (Once Amended) The absorbent composition of Claim 1 wherein the acidic water-swellable, water-insoluble polymer and the basic material are present in the absorbent composition in a molar ratio between about 10:1 [to about] and 1:10.

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Claim 13. (Once Amended) The absorbent composition of Claim 1 wherein the absorbent composition has a Time to Reach 60 Percent of Free Swell Capacity value of between about 10 minutes [to about] and 200 minutes.

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Claim 16. (Once Amended) The absorbent composition of Claim 1 wherein the water-swellable, water-insoluble polymer comprises acidic functional groups and has at least about 50 molar percent of the acidic functional groups in free acid form, has a weight average molecular weight greater than about 100,000, and the acidic water-swellable, water-insoluble polymer and the basic material are present in the absorbent composition in a molar ratio between about 10:1 [to about] and 1:10.

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Claim 33. (Once Amended) A disposable absorbent product comprising a liquid-permeable topsheet, a backsheet attached to the topsheet, and an absorbent structure positioned between the topsheet and the backsheet wherein the absorbent structure comprises an absorbent composition comprising:

- a) an acidic water-swellable, water-insoluble polymer having a pK_a between about 2 [to about] and 12 wherein the acidic water-swellable, water-insoluble polymer comprises acidic functional groups and has at least about 50 molar percent of the acidic functional groups in free acid form; and